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THE FLASH

BACK TO THE SPARK

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4-ISSUE MINISERIES
FEBRUARY

CENTRAL CITY. APRIL 23, 6:09 P.M., SOME YEARS AGO.

MY NAME IS *WALLY WEST*. FLYING ISN'T *USUALLY* MY THING.

BUT I STOLE A *FLIGHT RING* FROM THE *LEGION OF DARKSEID*, AND THAT--PLUS MY SPEED--FEELS LIKE THE *FASTEST* WAY TO GET TO *BARRY ALLEN'S LAB* BEFORE ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE.

THE RING SHOULD TAP ME INTO THE LEGION *TELEPATHICALLY*, TOO, BUT I'M BLOCKED. *SATURN GIRL* MUST BE ONTO ME. WHICH MEANS THEY KNOW I'M COMING.

BART'S GOT *NO POWER*, AND THE *TIME TRAVEL'S* MESSED HIM UP. I LEFT HIM WITH A VERY CONFUSED *IRIS WEST*.

MY AUNT. *HIS* GRANDMOTHER, THOUGH THAT'S WAY IN HER FUTURE. ALL SHE KNOWS IS THAT A BOY SHE'S NEVER MET NEEDS HER HELP, AND I KNOW SHE'LL COME THROUGH.

I TRUST HER MORE THAN *ANYONE ELSE*.

Speed... sick...

YOUR *FEVER'S* SPIKING...

SOMETHING'S *WRONG*.

THE LEGION WANTS TO DISRUPT *BARRY'S ORIGIN*. SEND THE ENTIRE SPEEDSTER LINEAGE INTO *CHAOS*.

ALL SO DARKSEID CAN *DESTROY* THE SPEED FORCE. REPLACE IT WITH *OMEGA SPEED*. CONTROL *ALL OF SPACE-TIME*.

YOU KNOW, JUST ANOTHER *AVERAGE NIGHT* OUT ON THE TOWN.

BARRY'S LAB. ALL'S QUIET. DID I *BEAT* THE LEGION HERE?

IF THEY PREVENT BARRY'S ORIGIN, BART LOSES HIS POWERS *FOR GOOD.* BUT WHY HAVEN'T I LOST *MINE?* I'M THE FLASH *BECAUSE* BARRY BECAME THE FLASH.

SO MUCH SO...I SOMETIMES WONDER IF I COULD'VE BEEN *ANYTHING ELSE* AT ALL. IF MY LIFE HAS JUST BEEN SOME *CARBON COPY.*

ENOUGH FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF. I'VE GOT A *MENTOR* TO SAVE. A *FRIEND.*

UH...HI. YOU'RE--BARRY ALLEN...

THAT'S *ME...*BUT WHO ARE *YOU?* HOW'D YOU GET PAST THE *FRONT DESK* IN THAT GETUP?

LONG STORY...

DARKSEID IS COMING,
AND THIS UNIVERSE WILL BE DESTROYED.

The only hope for survival is to forge a champion in the fires of combat.

A tournament is now held to capture the Heart of Apokolips and become the King Omega...
a champion powerful enough to match Darkseid and save reality.

The heroes and villains of the DC Universe must now look within and ask..."What am I willing to do ***TO SAVE...EVERYTHING***?"

WAIT. YOU'RE NOT THE FLASH, ARE YOU? NO, YOU CAN'T BE. YOU'RE TOO YOUNG!

HE THINKS I'M JAY GARRICK. I FORGET SOMETIMES WHAT A FANBOY BARRY COULD BE.

DOESN'T MATTER. I'M HERE BECAUSE YOU'RE IN DANGER.

WHAT KIND OF--?

PERHAPS I CAN ELABORATE.

AT LEAST I HOPE I CAN. I HAVE NO REAL IDEA WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.

Oh no...

DREAM GIRL... BARRY, THIS IS IT. THIS IS THE DANGER--

BUT SHE DOES. THE LEGION'S CLAIRVOYANT. THEY'VE CAUGHT UP WITH ME ALREADY, DAMN IT!

YES, WALLY WEST. MY DARK LEGION IS QUITE DANGEROUS. BUT I'M NOT HERE TO HURT YOU. I'M HERE TO SHOW YOU.

I SEE THE PAST. THE FUTURE. TRUTHS.

AND BECAUSE OF THIS, I KNOW WHAT MY FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES DO NOT. HOW THIS ENDS.

THE LEGION SERVES DARKSEID. BUT BECAUSE OF WHAT I'VE SEEN... I HAVE CHOSEN MY OWN PATH AWAY FROM OUR MASTER.

BEHOLD, BARRY ALLEN. YOUR DESTINY. THIS IS WHO YOU MUST BECOME. BECAUSE OF WHAT IS TO COME.

WHY IS SHE...? IS THIS A TRICK?

I HAVE TO BECOME THIS GUY?

NO, IT'S ACTUALLY, UH... WELL, VICE VERSA. SORT OF.

THIS CANNOT BE DISRUPTED. FATE STILL HANGS IN THE BALANCE.

IF THE SPEED FORCE IS DESTROYED, IF DARKSEID PREVAILS, ETERNAL CHAOS REIGNS FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END OF TIME.

SPEED FORCE? DARK...WHO? FOR THE LAST TIME, WILL SOMEONE PLEASE EXPLAIN--

BAAAAOOOWWF

NURA NAL! DARKSEID DEMANDS YOU BE LEASHED!

HISTORY SAYS THE LIGHTNING STRIKES IN 25 SECONDS!

I'M NOT EVEN HERE, BOY. I'M A THOUSAND LIGHT-YEARS AWAY...

DO NOT INTERFERE!

KRRRAAASSSH

LEGIONNAIRES, IGNORE DREAM GIRL! COSMIC BOY, HOLD THOSE TWO AT BAY. LIGHTNING LAD, GET IN PLACE.

BY PASSING THROUGH YOU INTO ALLEN, THE BOLT WILL KILL HIM... RATHER PAINFULLY. XS, STAY VIGILANT--WATCH NURA SHOULD SHE TRY ANYTHING!

WHAT ABOUT ME?

WITNESS AND LEARN THE TRUE WAY, WHIP!

THEY KEEP CALLING HIM WHIP WHIRLWIND. ONE OF HIS OLD ALIASES. SO IT IS MAX, BUT FROM THE PAST. SATURN GIRL HAS TO BE CONTROLLING HIS MIND ON BEHALF OF DARKSEID...

BARRY, JUST STAY DOWN! LET ME MOP THE FLOOR WITH THESE GOONS--

FLUAAAKK

HOLD ON, QUICK RAIN CHECK ON THE FLOOR MOPPING.

AAAAAaaaaa...

AAAAK

OOOOWWWWW

NO!

DYAAAGGGHH!

AND I KNOW. IN THAT MOMENT--AS I ROCKET IN TO INTERCEPT--I KNOW. THE SPEED FORCE SHIELDED ME FROM THAT BOLT. BUT IT NEARLY DIED IN THE PROCESS. AND NOW...IT'S LEAVING ME. LEAVING EVERYTHING.

ONCE AGAIN, I'M JUST SOME BUM NAMED WALLY WEST.

HEY! YOU ALL RIGHT?!

THE SPEED FORCE IS IN FULL RETREAT NOW! I CAN FEEL IT! IT IS AFRAID! DWINDLING! ON THE BRINK OF DEATH!

GOOD. NOW KILL BARRY ALLEN. AND KILL WALLY WEST.

SOMETHING'S WRONG! SOMETHING HAPPENED!

LISTEN, KIDDO, YOU'RE IN A BAD WAY. I WAS ABOUT TO CALL THE **HOSPITAL**--

...SPEED FORCE IS **DYING**...IF IT DIES...

...I DIE.

"**SPEED FORCE**"? KIDDO, THAT FEVER MUST BE **REALLY BAD.** YOU'RE TALKING **GIBBERISH**--

Wait... **Grandma**...?

HUH? I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU **THINK** I AM, BUT LET'S GET YOU BACK IN BED. I'M GONNA CALL SOMEONE--

HEY!

Gotta help them...if Barry and Wally die... and **I** die...and the ***Speed Force*** dies... then, like...

Cool car...I need to borrow it...

KIDDO, YOU CAN BARELY **STAND UP!**

YOU'RE...**IRIS.** THINK...HOW WOULD **I** KNOW THAT? AND BARRY...**BARRY'S GONNA DIE.**

PLEASE.

I'LL TAKE YOU.

NO. TOO **DANGEROUS.**

DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO DRIVE?

...YES. I'M...**REALLY GOOD AT IT.**

US MAIL

HRRRRRRK

I CAN FEEL MYSELF **SHUTTING DOWN.** BECAUSE...THE **SPEED FORCE.** IT'S GETTING...**MURDERED** SOMEHOW. I'M **CONNECTED.** I MEAN...WE ALL ARE. BUT THIS IS...**DIFFERENT...**

I CAN FIX THIS. I CAN SAVE THEM. SAVE IT ALL.

I'M SORRY. I FAILED.

ME, TOO.

SOUNDS LIKE I ***NEVER EVEN GOT STARTED.***

ALL ALLENS. ALL WESTS. RENDERED ***NULL.*** THE SPEED FORCE DIMS TO ***NOTHING. OMEGA*** RULES ALL.

COOK 'EM UP, GARTH. THEN LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

VVVRRRKKKRRRAAAAKKAASH

BART?! BART!

LOOK, MY LEGION! LOOK AND SEE OUR TRUTH!

NO! YOU TRICK US, NURA!

MORE OF YOUR SICK LIES!

THAT'S... THAT'S ME...

NO, WHIP! YOU BELONG TO US--

NOT ANYMORE, IMRA.

FAAKKKK

BART! BART, PLEASE!

HIS HEART'S STOPPED...

NO! NO, THIS IS MY FAULT! I SHOULD'VE PROTECTED HIM!

BART. BART, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

JAY? WHERE ARE WE?

WELL, PAL...I WISH I HAD BETTER NEWS...BUT I THINK YOU MAY BE **DEAD.** OR AT LEAST **ON YOUR WAY OUT.**

DEAD...? BUT...WHAT ABOUT **YOU...?**

I'M...**SORT OF** DEAD...**KIND OF**...I ACTUALLY **DON'T KNOW.** BUT I'M STILL **CONNECTED** TO THE SPEED FORCE.*

*Jay suffered a brutal defeat in the DC K.O. Tournament and is now encased in the Heart of Apokolips as a statue--Chris (As You Do)

EVEN THOUGH IT'S ***FLICKERING.*** ON THE VERGE OF BEING ***SNUFFED OUT.*** JUST LIKE ***YOU.***

I DON'T GET IT.

IN MY FIGHT WITH GARDNER...* BART, I ***BECAME*** THE SPEED FORCE. I WAS ***ONE*** WITH IT. I COULD FEEL IT ***HURTING.*** UNDER ***ATTACK.*** I FELT ***WALLY*** IN THE PAST, IN DISTRESS...

*Last issue.

...AND I FELT ***YOU.***

ME? BUT I ***LOST*** MY POWERS. I WASN'T EVEN CONNECTED--

THE SPEED FORCE IS A ***LIVING MYSTERY.*** BUT SOMEHOW...IT'S ***IN*** YOU. AND I DON'T MEAN IT ***CHOSE*** YOU, LIKE BARRY, OR WALLY, OR ME. I MEAN...

...IT ***IS*** YOU.

YOU. YOU CAN ***REIGNITE*** IT. PURELY FROM ***WITHIN YOUR-SELF.***

DON'T LET IT DIE. **BRING IT BACK.** BRING **YOURSELF** BACK.

CHOOSE YOUR **TRUE FORM,** BART.

WWAAAOOOSSSHH

WHERE'D HE GO? **BART!**

LOOK...THE SHARDS...

THEN I SEE THEM. THE SPLINTERS. *EVERY ROAD. EVERY POSSIBLE DESTINY.*

ALL MY PATHS LEADING TO ONE PLACE.

My god.

HE IS HERE. HE IS EVERYWHERE.

BART...?

YES. NO. SORTA.

WHERE ARE YOU?! BART--

BART. BARRY. JAY. WALLY. JUST NAMES. ONLY NAMES...

WALLY...I AM THE SPEED FORCE. I'M...TALKING TO IT. IT'S TALKING TO ME... IN ME...IS ME...

WALLY...IT SAYS... DON'T DOUBT. IT WAS ALWAYS YOU. YOU WOULD ALWAYS CONNECT TO US. TO ME. TO THE SPEED FORCE. BARRY OR NO BARRY...YOU WILL ALWAYS JOIN US.

ALL OF YOU WILL.

KZZZAAACCKK

KZZZAAACCKK

Bart...?

WELCOME BACK, GUYS.

BART--

GRANDPA BARRY'LL **WAKE UP,** RIGHT?

OF COURSE. THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENED. HOW IT WAS **SUPPOSED** TO HAPPEN...BART, I THOUGHT I'D **LOST** YOU...

I THINK I'M **HERE TO STAY...** BECAUSE I'M LIKE, MAYBE, I DUNNO, **ETERNAL...?** ETERNAL-**ADJACENT,** OR...

OKAY, LET'S **NOT** GET AHEAD OF OURSELVES. WE'VE GOT SOME STUFF TO TAKE CARE OF FIRST.

SSOKKKK

LIKE THIS.

ZAAAAAVVVZZZZZZAAAAAK

THAT'S TWO DOWN.

KRRNNCH

MAKE IT A HAT TRICK.

I DON'T HAVE A HAT!

JUST KEEP ZAPPING, BART!

OMEGA SPEED, RIGHT?

JUST A CHEAP IMITATION.

KNNFFF

GOOD TO HAVE YOU BACK, PAL.

OKAY. LET'S JUST HOPE THAT WHEN BARRY WAKES UP HE REMEMBERS ***AS LITTLE OF THIS AS POSSIBLE.*** LIKE... ***NONE*** OF IT. ***COOL.***

FINGERS CROSSED, I SUPPOSE.

DREAM GIRL'S GONE...

WE WILL ***MEET AGAIN.***

AT THE END.

HEAR ME, BART ALLEN. HEAR MY ***MASTER.***

YOU ARE *STRONG*. YOU *SAVED* YOUR GRANDFATHER. *ENSURED* HIS DESTINY.

A SHAME IT'S *ALL FOR NAUGHT*, FOR HE ONLY BECOMES THE FLASH...

...*IN ORDER TO DIE!*

!

NO!

BART! WHAT'S WRONG?

TIME BUBBLE! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!

BART, LISTEN TO ME! YOU WERE RIGHT! YOU'RE NOT JUST ANOTHER FLASH. YOU MIGHT BE WHAT MAKES THE REST OF US POSSIBLE--

I HAVE TO SAVE BARRY!

BUDDY, WE JUST DID--

NO! HE'S GOING TO DIE! IN THE FUTURE! HE'LL DIE! I HAVE TO SAVE HIM!

BART, NO!

I'M BEGINNING TO LOSE TRACK OF HOW MANY TIMES I'VE YELLED "BART, NO"...

BARRY IS FATED TO DIE--

WHAT? WHEN?

--DURING THE GREAT CRISIS. WHEN ALL EXISTENCE WAS AT STAKE. AND IF BART MESSES THAT UP...

"...EVERYTHING... AND I MEAN EVERYTHING...

"...IS OVER."

THE FLASH

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YOU MUST BE MERCEDES. WE'RE THE *JUSTICE LEAGUE,* CHAMP. NOT A *DELIVERY SERVICE.*

AREN'T YOU? THAT *BELT* BELONGS WITH ITS *RIGHTFUL OWNER.*

NICE TRY, LADY. YOU *DIDN'T WIN CLEAN.* I CLOCKED THOSE *RADON KNUCKLES!*

LAST I CHECKED, I'M STILL THE *W.A.M. INTERGALACTIC CHAMPION.*

SHE'S RIGHT, IN A WAY. THIS WAS A *SUPERCARD,* BRUV. *AEW* HOSTED *W.A.M....*

...SO, YEAH, BIT OF A *DOG'S BREAKFAST* BUT IT'S UP TO US TO SORT IT.

UNSTABLE. SPACE-TIME. SOUNDS LIKE A *SCAVENGER HUNT*...WE'RE IN.

PLEASE, OSPREAY. THE *JUSTICE LEAGUE* HAS POWERS--WE'RE *HUMAN!*

THAT'S *NO EXCUSE.*

WELL SAID, *MR. ALLIN.* WE'LL *PAIR WITH YOUR ROSTER* FOR THE RECOVERY.

THE *WATCHTOWER* CAN TRACK THE *ELEMENT X SHARDS* AND *TELEPORT* THEM TO SAFETY ONCE FOUND. THEN...*WE REFORGE.*

IF *EACH SHARD* ALTERS REALITY...

...*WHOEVER'S* GOT THEM WON'T GIVE UP EASILY. *LET'S GET TO WORK.*

"LET THE *HUNT* BEGIN, FOLKS! MY BUDDY *SKEETS* MAKES A HELL OF A *MONITOR...*"

DC × AEW

"...WE'LL FOLLOW THE ACTION, WHEREVER IT GOES! TAKE IT, *EXCALIBUR!*"

"THANKS, *BOOSTER!* FIRST, IT'S *WILL OSPREAY* AND THE ACROBATIC ACE--*NIGHTWING!*

"THE *TWO DAREDEVILS* COLLIDE WITH THE *LEAGUE OF ASSASSINS,* AND AN *X SHARD* IS ON THE LINE!

"THE *BILLY GOAT* AND *BLÜDHAVEN'S BEST* LEAP INTO THE FRAY...

"...TO STOP THE *DEADLY SECRET SOCIETY* FROM KICKING OFF A SERIES OF *CROSS-TIME KILLINGS!*

"NIGHTWING'S STUNNED BY *OSPREAY'S GRACE,* BUT HE'S NOT SOLD ON HIS *BRUTALITY.*

"*OSPREAY* RIPS HIS *X SHARD* FREE, BUT THIS FIGHT DOESN'T END WITH A *THREE COUNT!*

"CAN THE AERIAL ASSASSIN AND NIGHTWING MAKE IT OUT ALIVE..."

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Readers came to know Vertigo as more than a publishing initiative, but as a sensibility and aesthetic. Comics that were bizarre and beautiful, transgressive and terrifying, poignant and passionate—*those* were Vertigo comics, and their success reshaped the comics industry itself along the way.

It's with that spirit that we bring you the DC Vertigo of today. The imprint first returned last fall by adopting the current series that truly embodies its ethos—*The Nice House by the Sea* by James Tynion IV and Álvaro Martínez Bueno—and it now expands with a slate of all-new series from bold and imaginative voices, starting in February of 2026 with *Bleeding Hearts* by Deniz Camp and Stipan Morian, *End of Life* by Kyle Starks and Steve Pugh, and T*he Peril of the Brutal Dark: An Ezra Cain Mystery* by Chris Condon and Jacob Phillips.

DC VERTIGO IS BACK. AND IT'S NOTHING YOU'VE SEEN BEFORE.

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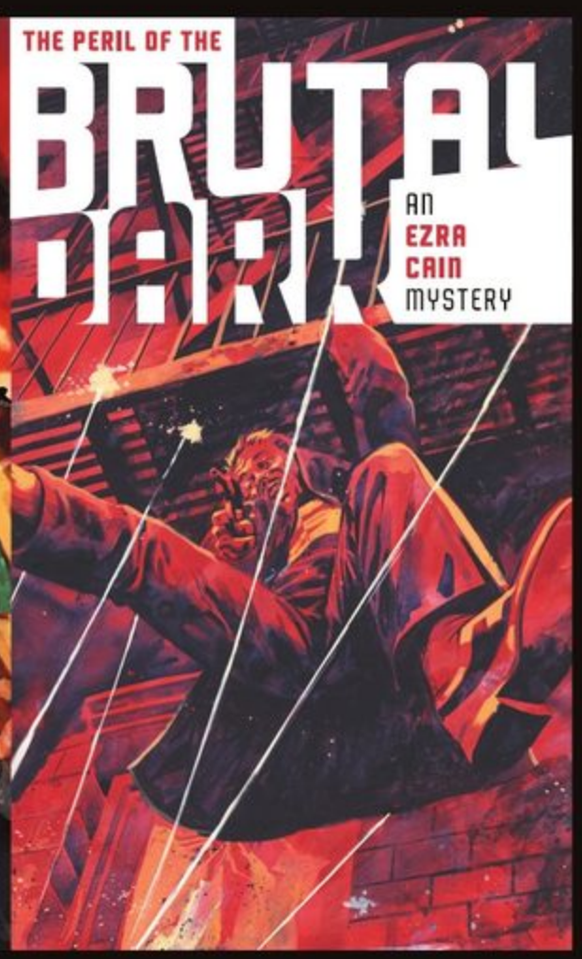

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